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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
AND NAM

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1. IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL DISCUSSION OF NAM APRIL 27,
POLOFF RAISED QUESTION OF SYRIAN PARTICIPATION AT UN
SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERNA-
TIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, MFA, NAJDI JAZZAR, SAID THAT SYRIA
WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY ITS PERMANENT UN MISSION.
FONMIN KHADDAM DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND SESSION AT THIS
POINT, EVEN THOUGH NAM MEMBERS ARE UNDER CONSIDERABLE
PRESSURE FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO SEND HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS.

2. JAZZAR SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT ACTIVITY
ON DISARMAMENT AND INDICATED THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT BE TAKING
A LEADING ROLE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. GENERALLY, SYRIA DOES
NOT SUPPORT CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT WHEN IT IS USED AS
PRETEXT TO NEUTRALIZE LIBERATP N MOVEMENTS. DISARMAMENT,MN
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AN ESTIMABLE GOAL, IS IMPRACTICAL IN SYRIA'S
VIEW, IN THE ABSENCE OF SOLUTIONS TO THE UNDERLYING
PROBLEMS WHICH LEAD MEN TO TAKE UP ARMS.

3. SYRIA STRONGLY FAVORS NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND

BELIEVES ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ADHERE TO THE NPT. (NOTE:
SYRIA IS DELINQUENT IN NEGOTIATING NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT
AND WE MIGHT USEFULLY RAISE OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 111.4
IF DEPARTMENT WISHES.) JAZZAR ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PEACEFUL
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP
DEVELOPING STATES. IN THIS REGARD, SYRIA FEELS THAT
INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY FOR CONTROL AND INSPECTION SHOULD
BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED TO ELIMINATE FEARS OF MISUSE
SO THAT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY CAN MORE EASILY BE PROVIDED FOR
PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT.
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